

Another newspaper quotes a Democratic official as saying that in Kansas, "the only thing more popular than Nancy is wheat." Now that's saying something.

The last thing that I would like to say today on the floor is that I will miss Senator KASSEBAUM. I will miss talking with her on the floor. I will miss her contributions to legislative debate. And I will miss her great and moderate influence on this body as a whole.

We need more Senators like NANCY KASSEBAUM in the Senate. I think the Senate, the people of Kansas, and Americans all across this country are lucky to have had her service in the Senate.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JIM EXON

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about the distinguished service of my friend and colleague, Senator JIM EXON of Nebraska.

When I think of America's heartland—the great plains, the small towns, farmers in the field, hard work, helping your neighbor—I think of Senator EXON. No other Senator better embodies the image, the values, and the beliefs of rural America. He fights for fiscal responsibility. He fights for the family farm. He fights for a strong national defense. After 26 years of public service to Nebraska, and a stunning record of five winning statewide elections in a row, his departure from public service leaves in its wake a record of accomplishment that will be difficult to match.

During his tenure in the U.S. Senate, Senator EXON has worked tirelessly on behalf of issues important to Nebraskans. He has strengthened the farm economy by fighting to promote ethanol fuels and expanding foreign markets for farm commodities. He has fought to improve rural health care by fixing unfair Medicare rules. He preserved Federal funding for the reformed crop insurance program. And he has improved transportation access for rural communities with his authorship of the current Essential Air Service law and by fighting to strengthen and preserve Amtrak.

Senator EXON has also left his mark on issues important to our Nation. He coauthored legislation passed in 1992 requiring the moratorium on nuclear testing and an end to all testing by 1996. He has used his position as a senior Member of the Senate Budget Committee to help reign in Federal spending and reduce the Federal deficit. He has greatly increased safety in the inspection of trucking and railroad industries.

These accomplishments are his legacy. The retirement announcement of Senator EXON, widely recognized as the chief architect in the creating a strong Democratic party in Nebraska, will leave a void in Nebraskan leadership that will likely be felt for years. I know Nebraskans are proud of his

achievements. I wish Senator EXON the very best in his future endeavors.

THE RETIREMENT OF U.S. SENATOR HOWELL HEFLIN

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I rise today to make a few comments about a great U.S. Senator, Howell HEFLIN, or Judge HEFLIN as he is known to all of us who have had the privilege to work with him.

For over 24 years, HOWELL HEFLIN has fought for the interests of Alabama and America. He began his career in public service when he fought in the Pacific during World War II. There he was wounded twice and earned the Silver Star. After graduating from the University of Alabama Law School he began to practice law in Alabama. He went on to serve as President of the Alabama State Bar Association from 1965 to 1966.

In 1971 HOWELL HEFLIN became Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. He is credited with reforming Alabama's antiquated court system. His court reform package has earned him national recognition. His other accomplishments include serving as chairman of the National Conference of Chief Justices, vice president of the American Judicature Society, and being selected the American Association of Trial Lawyers "Most Outstanding Appellate Judge in the United States" in 1975.

I came to know Judge HEFLIN during his tenure in the Senate. He has provided constant leadership and has always had the time to listen. He has always had the time to take a junior Member under his wing and talk with them about issues, no matter how arcane.

When I first came to the Senate, I was assigned to the Judiciary Committee and was able to take advantage of Judge HEFLIN's incredible expertise as a member of that committee. It has been a pleasure working with him.

A man of integrity, HOWELL HEFLIN represents the new South. He has given rise to the kind of moral force that has lifted this body and indeed, this entire country. His integrity, his intelligence, his commitment to the Constitution, and his faith in what the American dream has always stood for and can be in the future, has led Judge HEFLIN in a direction of greatness that is without peer and without parallel in this body.

HOWELL HEFLIN is a man of courage. He stood on this floor about 2 years ago during the debate on the United Daughters of the Confederacy patent extension and made one of the most eloquent speeches I have ever heard. He made it from the heart and he made it with courage. It was that courage that the people of Alabama recognized when they elected him to serve in this body.

The Senate will not be the same place when HOWELL HEFLIN leaves. He has been a force for the good. He has been a force for the light. He has made a tremendous contribution. I will per-

sonally miss Judge HEFLIN and the people of his state will miss one of the best advocates for Alabama the Senate has ever seen. I wish Judge HEFLIN and his wife Mike well.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR HANK BROWN

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I am pleased to have the opportunity today to reflect on the career of a Senator who I have had the honor of serving with during the last 4 years, Colorado's Senior Senator, HANK BROWN.

Senator BROWN has served the people and interests of the State of Colorado with distinction and independence, first as a State Senator between 1972 and 1976, then as a United States Congressman from Colorado's 4th district for 10 years and finally as a U.S. Senator since 1990. Prior to his distinguished career in public service, Senator BROWN applied the same affability, hard work, and talent as a vice-president at a Colorado meat-packing firm. In addition to his contributions as a statesman and a businessman, Senator BROWN also contributed to the State of Colorado and to the Nation as a Navy Forward Air Controller in Vietnam, where he earned numerous decorations, including the Air Medal with two Gold Stars.

Senator BROWN will leave behind a clear record as a foe of the budget deficit. In October of 1990, he opposed the budget-summit agreement, going against his party and with his conscience. Senator BROWN also supported the 1995 Balanced Budget Amendment.

This body will certainly miss the voice of Senator HANK BROWN. Upon hearing of Senator BROWN's retirement, the Daily Camera wrote on December 22, 1994 that "we admire the consistency of HANK BROWN's convictions." I share the Daily Camera's opinion and I wish Senator HANK BROWN the best of luck and God speed as he begins a new life outside of the Senate.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR J. BENNETT JOHNSTON

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I rise today to say farewell to a colleague who is retiring from the Senate the end of this Congress—Senator J. BENNETT JOHNSTON of Louisiana. Senator JOHNSTON has been a good friend to Illinois, and his decision to retire will be a loss to Louisiana, a loss to this Chamber, and a loss to the United States.

Senator JOHNSTON was born in Shreveport, LA in 1932, attended Byrd High School and studied at the U.S. Military Academy and Washington and Lee University. He began his political career 32 years ago, serving eight years in the Louisiana Legislature and 24 years in the U.S. Senate.

Since his arrival to the Senate, Senator JOHNSTON has fought hard on behalf of the people of Louisiana. He has